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 * GUARANTEED GLADS *
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Dear Friends,

Elburn, Illinois

This is my sixth catalog, and it represents the results of 21 years of hybridizing. This last year 95% of my crosses were on fragrant varieties. I now have over 100 seedlings showing varying degrees of fragrance to breed from. I dug about 15,000 seedling bulbs from fragrant crosses and have over 80 batches of seed from hand pollinated crosses of fragrant varieties. I must dispose of some of this stock or find a smaller church. My glads are "just a hobby and I must keep the size of my patch down to the amount of time I can honestly give to a hobby. The stock on most of these varieties, especially the fragrants, is still small so order early to avoid disappointment. I have tried to be honest and modest in my descriptive use of adjectives, however, my one business rule remains the same, and protects you from any misrepresentation: "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION? AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

JUNE SCARLET

An extra early commercial in the scarlet class. (Fischers chart places it as orange red with dark red tongue) June Scarlet makes 5" florets, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color, on a 50" always straight spike. June Scarlet has sold out early the last two years, and stock is still small. It makes clean red bulbs, and is an average propagator. This will be in demand for cut flowers when sufficient stock is available because of its extreme earliness.

PRICE---L. \$.50---M. \$.30---S. \$.15

SIS

A midseason creamy pink shading lighter in the throat. Sis opens 6-8 in a formal double row placement 6 in color, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets on a 50" sturdy stem. SIS makes a vigorous plant with broad leaves and produces good spikes under adverse growing conditions. If you are one of those who think PINK RIBBON is too small, try SIS "SIS" is the family name for our daughter.

PRICE---L. \$.50---M. \$.30---S. \$.15

ORANGOLD

Fischers chart places ORANGOLD as a lighter orange yellow. Several cut flower growers are using it as a commercial yellow. ORANGOLD blooms in midseason, is a tall strong grower, with broad healthy foliage, 5-6 open, 4-6 in color, and 21 bud spike. Florets are round, wide open lightly ruffled, 5"- $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". It is an easy propagator. If you are looking for a big cut flower yellow try ORANGOLD.

PRICE----L. \$.20----M. 2 for \$.25----S. 4 for \$.25
Blts. 15 for \$.20

DEPENDABLE

An early midseason cool shade of lavender, with a darker lavender tongue in the throat. Tall, always straight, slender spike, with 6 open, 6 in color, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " lightly ruffled florets. DEPENDABLE makes cuttable spikes under adverse growing conditions, thus its name. It makes large bulblets, in fair quantity, that germinate easily.

PRICE--L. \$.25--M.--\$.15---S.--2 for \$.15 ---Blts. 15 for \$.25

HON

Midseason, apricot pink with a blending peach throat. This is not a blotched variety, but the added color in the throat lights up the whole flower. HON opens 6-8, 6 in color, on a 21 bud spike. 5" lightly ruffled florets of good substance. HON has a V. C. and other good reports. HON is my pet name for my wife.

PRICE--L. \$.20----M. 2 for \$.25----S. 2 for \$.15-Blts. 15--\$.20

PINK VELVET

A midseason pure pink, shading to almost white in the throat. PINK VELVET has heavy substance and a velvety sheen that suggested its name. Well ruffled, 5" florets, 5-7 open, 4-6 in color with formal placement on a straight medium height stem. PINK VELVET won the N.E.G.S. seedling trophy at Maine in 1942. It is a real beauty.

PRICE--L. \$.20---M. 2 for \$25---S. 2 for \$.15---Blts. 15--\$.20

PINK RIBBON

My first introduction and still my best seller. I have sold out early on PINK RIBBON for the last three years. It has become so well known as a show winner that it needs little describing here. It is a first early, small decorative, light pink with cream throat, 6 open, 6 in color. It has the most perfect stem I have ever seen in a glad tall, straight, and willowy. PINK RIBBON has 2 V.C's, and A.M. and a long string of blue ribbons.

PRICE--L. \$.20---M. \$.15---S. \$.10---Blts 100 for \$1.50

YELLOW RIBBON

A midseason, small decorative, light yellow, 8-10 open with formal placement, on a straight medium height stem. Yellow Ribbon is fine for table decorations where size is not desired. It makes well balanced little spikes from 5's and 6's that look like daffodils in a bouquet. If you like the little ones be sure to try this. YELLOW RIBBON is an easy propagator

PRICE---L. \$.15---M. \$.10---S. 2 for \$.10---Blts. 10 for \$.15

PURPLE PEP

An early, healthy growing, vigorous commercial purple. PURPLE PEP makes tall straight stems, 5-6 open, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " well ruffled florets of good substance and the color does not "wash" or fade as so many purples do. It only makes 13-15 buds but cuts a well balanced spike. It makes large bulblets that germinate easily.
PRICE--L. \$.15---M. \$.10---S. 2for \$.10---Blts. 10 for \$.15

RELIABLE (44-L15) ----1948 INTRODUCTION

RELIABLE in its four years of testing has bloomed in 90 to 100 degree weather. It can take these temperatures and produce good spikes under field conditions--hence the name. RELIABLE is a seedling of California X Hon. Color according to Fischers chart R6 shading to R4 in the throat. RELIABLE has the characteristic throat of Hon, not a blotch but a dusting of darker pink deep in the throat that gives the flower the appearance of depth. 5-6 open 4-6 in color on 50" always straight stem. Florets 5"- $5\frac{1}{2}$ " slightly winged which makes it appear larger than it is. RELIABLE makes large bulblets that bloom under favorable conditions. This should make a good mid-season commercial.
PRICE --Bulbs 1" and up grown from #5's or 6's----\$2.00 each

WHEN YOU THINK OF FRAGRANT GLADS

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PERFUME (BRAUER) JOLI X SUMMER BREEZE

PERFUME is the most fragrant glad I have smelled to date. It is a double cross Mibloom seedling. It is an early creamy white with a rose dart in the throat, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " ruffled florets, 4-6 open. This is a good hybridizer and propagates easily.
PRICE---L. \$.25---M. \$.20---S. \$.15

SUMMER FRAGRANCE (ZIMMER) QUEEN OF BREMEN SEEDLING

A midseason small decorative, dark rose pink. It makes tall straight spikes with 4-6 well ruffled florets open. I do not know the parentage of Summer Fragrance, but it is an easy propagator and good hybridizer.

PRICE---L. \$.25---M. \$.20---S. \$.15

ROSE GEM (FISCHER) (INCENSE X SWEETHEART) X LAVENDER AND GOLD

A medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets $3\frac{1}{2}$ " nicely ruffled and with a waxy sheen. This is the best Incense seedling I have seen. Light fragrance and a good propagator.
PRICE---Bulbs 1" and up \$.25---M. \$.20---S. \$.15

338--5F

A ruffled clear yellow, small decorative, Incense seedling. Good substance and a sweet fragrance, 4-5 open on a tall spike. My stock of this is still small.
PRICE---L. \$.50---M. \$.35---S. \$.20

F275-41 (Incense X Sweetheart) X New Era

This is a half sister to Rose Gem. A medium decorative pink with a large light throat. The ruffled florets are lightly fragrant. This blooms from small bulbs and is a runaway propagator. This is proving a good hybridizer & it carries 2 fragrant strains. PRICE---L. \$.25---M. 2 for \$.25---S. 3 for \$.25

38-4F

A deep pink with a good fragrance, round florets, wide open on a good spike. This is from a Mibloom seedling X Incense. This is a good breeder, giving good ruffling and fragrance to its seedlings. It is a rather slow multiplier.

STOCK WITH HELD THIS YEAR FOR PROPAGATION.

45X-M23

A first early, ruffled pure pink with 5" to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, light fragrance and a strong plant. I am offering this as a hybridizer because of its earliness and the size and quality of its individual florets. It does not open well when cut so will never get a name. A seedling of Summer Breeze X Reliable, my 1948 Introduction. PRICE----bulbs 1" and up \$.25

43X -KII

A blush white with a conspicuous throat of red and yellow. Well ruffled $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 6 open with a light fragrance that is very erratic. Sometimes it is good & other times is absent. A seedling of (Mibloom X Maid of Orleans) X Perfume. A runaway propagator. This has three separate crosses of Mibloom in its blood lines. PRICE----Bulbs 1" and up \$.25

FRILLED FRAGRANCE (ELLIS)

This a white sport of New Era and identical to it except in color. New Era has proven a good parent in many crosses & has given some good fragrant seedlings. The color of Frilled Fragrance should give it added value as a hybridizer.

PRICE---L. \$.1.00----M. \$.75---S. \$.50

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE (Lantz) Mibloom X Picardy

Beautifully ruffled light yellow, opens 5, 4" to $4\frac{1}{4}$ " florets of good substance, on a medium tall spike, 16 buds, 4-5 in color. Golden Fragrance has a very sweet and pleasant fragrance, a worthy addition to the fragrant class.

PRICE---L. \$3.00---M. \$2.00---S. \$1.00

DIADEM(LINES) NEW ERA X OREGON ROSE

A medium deep rose with a cream throat. 5" florets, 6-8 open 16-18 buds on a 48" spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticeable when cut than in the garden. It is a good propagator and takes and gives pollen well.

PRICE---L. \$10.00----M. \$7.50----S. \$5.00---Blts. \$1.00

SEEDLING BULBS AND SEED

We had a long growing season here this year and about half of my seed made number four bulbs or larger. I have too many of these seedling bulbs for the room and time that I have. I also harvested the largest crop of seed I have ever raised. Here is a chance to save one or two years, and enjoy the thrill of growing your own seedlings. I am offering the following from these hand pollinated seed and virgin bulbs.

FRAGRANT SEED

These are hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant, or carrying fragrant ancestry. I can't furnish parentages on these as they were either from batches too small to list separately, or are crosses of fragrant pollen upon fragrant blooms from seedling bulbs too small to judge for other than fragrance. I will plant what I do not sell, these are not culled.

PRICE---selected seed 12 for \$.25-----100 for \$1.50

FRAGRANT CROSS SEEDLING BULBS.

These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant. I am selling the 5's and 6's and reserving the larger bulbs to plant, so I can select or cull all of them this year. I haven't the room to carry the 5's and 6's for another year. Parentages will not be furnished as I do not have enough of any individual crosses to list separately. I had 10 of these bloom from seed this year, 3 showed good fragrance.

PRICE---5's and 6's 12 for \$1.00-----100 for \$6.50

NON-FRAGRANT SEEDLING BULBS.

These are from crosses of the best new varieties and my own select seedlings, mostly from early and early midseason varieties. I am reducing my plantings of these crosses to make room for my fragrant stock. These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, but again I cannot give parentages as stocks are small and of varied quantity. I will bloom out the larger sizes myself.

PRICE----5's and 6's---12 for \$1.00-----100 for \$6.50

TERMS OF SALE

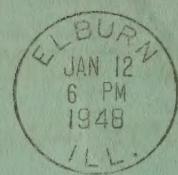
All orders are prepaid anywhere in the U.S.A. The usual extras depending on the size of the order. 10 bulbs of a size and kind at 8 times the price of 1.5 bulbs at the 10 rate.

Orders up to \$ 5.00 net; \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10% discount; \$10.00 to \$20.00 15% discount. I do not issue a wholesale list but if you are interested in planting stocks of any of the above I will be glad to quote prices. The stock on most of these is still small.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with D.D.T. at cleaning time.

THESE BULBS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

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